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In re Application of Thomas Figura et. al

Application No.: 09/471,460 Filed: December 22, 1999

For: USE OF A PLASMA SOURCE TO FORM A LAYER DURING THE FORMATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE

WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE

37 C.F.R. § 1.313

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)(3).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Fees Due upon written request. This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance and Fees Due in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed Minsun Harvey, Supervisory Patent Examiner, at (571) 272-1835.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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